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SUBJECT:HUMAN RIGHTS IN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS

REF: COTONOU 916 AND PREVIOUS

1. DEPARTMENT POUCHED TODAY IBRD DOCUMENTS ON BENIN FEEDER
ROADS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS. EMBASSY MAY DRAW
ON THESE FOR DISCUSSION WITH GPRB WITHOUT RESTRICTION. WE
ASSUME THAT GPRB FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS DECLINING TO
OFFICIALLY REACT ON U.S. ABSTENTION ON VOTE FOR DOLS 7.5
MILLION IN IDA LOANS FOR BENIN ON HUMAN RIGHTS GROUNDS WAS
ACT OF CAUTION. POST SHOULD BE ALERT FOR REACTION AS GPRB
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ABSORBS THIS NEWS AND REPORT TO DEPARTMENT ASAP. GPRB
AMBASSADOR HERE HAS BEEN IN NEW YORK THIS WEEK AND NOT YET
INFORMED.

2. WITH REGARD TO PROTOCOL CHIEF'S PRIVATE REMARKS, YOU
SHOULD NOTE THAT WE HAVE TAKEN BENIN'S NATIONAL SECURITY
CONCERNS INTO ACCOUNT IN CONSIDERING THIS ACTION BUT STILL

WISH TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BENINESE GOVERNMENT
OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION THERE,
ESPECIALLY ARBITRARY ARREST AND DETENTION. OUR CONCERN IS
NOT REPEAT NOT LIMITED TO U.S. CITIZENS BUT EXTENDS TO ALL
BENINESE CITIZENS ARBITRARILY DETAINED. YOU CAN NOTE THAT
WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE PROPOSED NEW DRAFT "FUNDAMENTAL
LAW" AND WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A COPY.

3. AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND LOAN FOR BENIN PROBABLY
COMING UP FOR CONSIDERATION BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN JULY.
DETAILS NOT YET AVAILABLE.

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